

Subject: Follow-up to Puget Sound On-Site Septic Funding Program meeting

Listed below are highlights and outcomes of the meeting held on May 9, 2006 to discuss Ecology's new and developing On-Site Septic Repair and Replacement Funding program. Those of you on the following list expressed an interest in participating in the on-site program workgroup. Let me know if this is correct.

- Larry Fay, Seattle & King County Public Health
- Stuart Whitford, Kitsap County Health District
- Dave Ward, Snohomish County SWM
- Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes
- Andy Brastad, Clallam County
- Alison Mohns, Skagit County
- Mike McNickle, Jefferson County
- Lyn Muench, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Terry Hull, Puget Sound Action Team
- Dan Steinborn, EPA
- Ecology, Jeff Nejedly, Pat Brommer
- Selden Hall, DOH

The initial workgroup meeting to proceed with the development of the Puget Sound-area program is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21 from 10am to 3pm at a yet to be determined location**. Please let me know if this day works for you.

Meeting Highlights

- Discussed new available funding (based upon a change in EPA guidelines)
- Priority loan funding consideration from the federal State Revolving Fund (SRF) of \$1 million to Mason, Kitsap, and Jefferson counties for on-site septic repair and replacement
- \$5 million in SRF are set aside for the local loan program in 12 counties
- Up to \$1.5 million for grants from the Water Quality Account, Centennial Clean Water Program is available for on-site septic repair and replacement (to be used in conjunction with SRF loan funding)
- Discussed merits and shortcomings of linked deposit program
- Local governments provided updates on septic repair and replacement programs

Outcomes and Action List

- Participants receptive to funding – including loans
- Grants are great; discussed methods to meet individual residential hardship and the level of administration funding.
- Small counties do not have resources to support loan program

- Determined that moving rapidly on a Puget Sound-wide regional loan fund pilot program is a priority
- Ecology will follow-up on the Washington State Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises linked-deposit loan program
- Ecology will determine and evaluate statutory needs for implementation of pilot loan program
- Consider separate funding cycle and simplified application process
- Determine target areas – watershed/shoreline
- Determine if FY06 loan recipients are eligible for grant benefits
- Form workgroup to address program development issues and process.